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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (withdrawn) An adjustable shelf assembly, comprising:
  - (a) a central shelf unit, the central shelf unit comprising a top surface, a front edge, a rear edge, a first side edge and a second side edge;
  - (b) a first extension shelf unit, the first extension shelf unit slidably oriented with respect to the central shelf unit such that the width or depth of the adjustable shelving assembly may be increased by extending and decreased by retracting the first extension shelf unit with respect to the central shelf unit, the first extension shelf unit slidably oriented with respect to the central shelf unit such that retracted portions of the extension shelf unit are located underneath the top surface of the central shelf unit, the first extension shelf unit having a support surface, a front edge, a rear edge, a distal side and a proximate side, the distal side located distal to the central shelf unit relative to the proximate side; and
  - (c) at least one attachment member secured to a portion of the central shelf unit such that when the attachment member is secured to a support structure, the first extension shelf unit may be extended or retracted with respect to the central shelf unit without having to reposition the attachment member with respect to the support structure.

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2. (withdrawn) The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 1, further comprising a second extension shelf unit, the second extension shelf unit slidably oriented with respect to the central shelf unit such that the width of the adjustable shelving assembly may be increased by extending and decreased by retracting the second extension shelf unit with respect to the central shelf unit, the second extension shelf unit slidably oriented with respect to the central shelf unit such that retracted portions of the second extension shelf unit are located underneath the top surface of the central shelf unit, the second extension shelf unit having a support surface, a front edge, a rear edge, a proximate side and a distal side, the distal side located distal to the central shelf unit relative to the proximate side.

3. (withdrawn) The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 2, further comprising interlocking members formed from portions of the first and second extension shelf units, portions of the interlocking members of the first extension shelf unit interlocking with portions of the interlocking members of the second extension shelf unit when the first and second extension shelf units are retracted with respect to the central shelf unit.

4. (withdrawn) The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 3, wherein the interlocking members are fingers formed from bent wire.

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5. (withdrawn) The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 4, further comprising a first stop, the first stop extending from the central shelf unit such that the first stop engages an interior tip portion of a bent wire finger of the first extension shelf unit, wherein engagement of the interior tip portion with the first stop prevents further extension of the first extension shelf unit.

6. (withdrawn) The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 5, further comprising a second stop, the second stop extending from the central shelf unit such that the second stop engages an interior tip portion of a bent wire finger of the second extension shelf unit, wherein engagement of the interior tip portion with the second stop prevents further extension of the second extension shelf unit.

7. (withdrawn) The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 2, wherein the central shelf unit does not move relative to the first and second extension shelf units during extension and retraction of the extension shelf units.

8. (withdrawn) The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 1, wherein the central shelf unit further comprises a bottom surface and at least one rail, wherein the central shelf unit top surface, bottom surface and rail form a wire grid.

9. (withdrawn) The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 1, wherein the attachment members extend from the rear edge of the central shelf unit.

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10. (withdrawn) The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 9, wherein the attachment members are formed from bent wire hooks.

11. (withdrawn) The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 1, further comprising:

(a) a front member extending from the front edge of the central shelf unit, the front member comprising an upper lip and a lower lip;

(b) a first side member extending from the front and distal side edges of the first extension shelf unit, the first side member having an upper lip and a lower lip; and

(c) wherein portions of the front member and first side member slidably cooperate with respect to each other such that extension and retraction of the first extension shelf unit is not substantially hindered.

12. (withdrawn) The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 11, wherein the upper and lower lips of the front member and first side members are formed into channels, permitting the insertion of a flexible member such that the flexible member is retained in between the upper and lower lips.

13. (currently amended): An adjustable shelf assembly, comprising:

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- (a) a central shelf unit, the central shelf unit comprising a top surface, a front edge, a rear edge, a first side edge and a second side edge;
- (b) a first extension shelf unit, the first extension shelf unit slidably arranged with respect to the central shelf unit such that extending the first extension shelf unit with respect to the central shelf unit increases the width or depth of the adjustable shelving assembly ~~may be increased by extending and decreased by retracting the first extension shelf unit with respect to the central shelf unit~~ decreases the width or depth of the adjustable shelving assembly, the first extension shelf unit having a support surface, a front edge, a rear edge, a proximate side and a distal side, the distal side located distal to the central shelf unit;
- (c) a front member secured to the front edge of the central shelf unit, the front member having an upper lip and a lower lip; and
- (d) wherein the upper and lower lips of the front member are formed into channels, ~~permitting the insertion of a flexible member such that the~~ and wherein a flexible member is retained in between the upper and lower lips.

14. (currently amended): The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 13, further comprising a first side member secured to the front edge of the first extension shelf unit, the first side member having an upper lip and a lower lip; wherein portions of the front and first side members slidably cooperate with respect to each other such that extension and retraction of the first extension shelf unit is not substantially hindered; and wherein the upper and lower lips of the first side member are formed into channels, ~~permitting the insertion of a flexible member such that~~ and wherein the flexible member is retained in between the upper and lower lips of the first side member.

15. (original): The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 14, wherein the first side member is secured to the front and distal side edges of the first extension shelf unit.

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16. (original): The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 14, further comprising a rear member secured to the rear edge of the central shelf unit, the rear member having an upper lip and a lower lip; wherein portions of the rear and first side members slidably cooperate with respect to each other such that extension and retraction of the first extension shelf unit is not substantially hindered.

17. (withdrawn) A shelving assembly with adjustable shelves, comprising:

(a) at least one adjustable shelf unit, the adjustable shelf unit comprising:

(i) a central shelf unit, the central shelf unit having a top surface, a bottom surface, a front edge, a rear edge, a first side edge and a second side edge;

(ii) a first extension shelf unit, the first extension shelf unit slidably oriented with respect to the central shelf unit such that the width of the adjustable shelving assembly may be increased by extending and decreased by retracting the first extension shelf unit with respect to the central shelf unit, the first extension shelf unit slidably oriented with respect to the central shelf unit such that retracted portions of the extension shelf unit are located underneath the top surface of the central shelf unit, the first extension shelf unit having a support surface, a front edge, a rear edge, a proximate side and a distal side, the distal side located distal to the central shelf unit; and

(iii) at least one attachment member secured to a portion of the central shelf unit;

(b) a support structure secured to the attachment member; and

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(c) wherein extension and retraction of the extension shelf unit with respect to the central shelf unit does not require repositioning the attachment member with respect to the support structure.

18. (withdrawn) The shelving assembly with adjustable shelves of Claim 15, wherein the support structure is formed from a bent wire stand and the at least one attachment member is formed from at least one bent wire hook.

19. (withdrawn) The shelving assembly with adjustable shelves of Claim 15, wherein the support structure is formed from a peg board and the at least one attachment member is formed from at least one bent wire hook.

20. (withdrawn) The shelving assembly with adjustable shelves of Claim 15, wherein the support structure is formed from at least one wall mounted bracket and the at least one attachment member is formed from at least one bracket receiver.

Kindly cancel claim 21.

22. (new): The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 13, further comprising an attachment member secured to a portion of the central shelf unit; wherein the attachment member attaches the adjustable shelf assembly to a support structure; and wherein the first extension shelf unit may be extended or retracted with respect to the central shelf unit without having to reposition the attachment member with respect to the support structure.

23. (new): The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 13, further comprising a second extension shelf unit, the second extension shelf unit slidably arranged with respect to the central shelf unit such that extending the second extension shelf unit with respect to the central shelf unit increases the width or depth of the adjustable shelving assembly and retracting the second extension shelf unit with respect to the central shelf unit decreases the width or depth of the adjustable shelving assembly.

Kindly cancel claim 24.

25. (new): The adjustable shelf assembly of Claim 23, wherein the central shelf unit does not move relative to the first and second extension shelf units during extension or retraction of the extension shelf units.